

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1172 - HB 1494

March 27, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires driver license examiners to provide assistance, when requested, to ensure that voter registration applications are properly completed and submitted. Requires voter registration applications or change of address requests accepted at driver license examining stations to be transmitted to the appropriate county election office within 24 hours from the time the application is accepted. Current law requires transmission within 10 days of acceptance. Requires county election commissions to contact the applicant within 7 days and indicate to such person whether the application has been accepted and processed by the commission and to provide a voter registration card. Specifies that if the application is not accepted, the commission shall specifically indicate the nature of the problem and the remedy.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$350,000

Estimate assumes:

- in order to ensure voter registration applications are transmitted to county election commissions within 24 hours the driver license testing stations will have to utilize an overnight, express delivery service.
- an average of 3 packages per station each day as most stations will transmit applications to multiple counties daily.
- there are 29 four-day workweek stations and 13 five-day workweek stations operating 50 weeks per year, allowing for holidays.
- each package will cost \$13 to send overnight.
- flexible scheduling utilizing existing staff could be employed to ensure someone is available to transmit the packages to the overnight delivery service. Mileage reimbursement may be necessary for stations that do not have assigned vehicles and must deliver packages to overnight drop boxes but this expense is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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